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II. HANOI URGES SOUTHERN STUDENTS TO STRUGGLE
AGAINST MILITARY TRAINING

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(Article: "To support the students' struggle against military training is also to struggle for quick restoration of peace")

The students' struggle movement in Saigon and other Southern urban centers opposing the Thieu-Ky-Khiem administration's military training has taken place more and more seethingly and decisively. The Saigon Students General Association, the Law students' representatives, and the university self-governing movement recently issued proclamations opposing military training and boycotting the military training councils in various universities. The majority of the students have enthusiastically participated in the vigorous struggle movement by ransacking military training offices in their universities by burning their draft cards, and by deserting the military training center.

The college and high school students committee for coordination of action has stated that those student acts are opening an increasingly decisive struggle. The students' struggle against the Americans' and their puppets' military training is very legal and in conformity with the youths' and students' aspirations and feelings beliefs. The students have struggled not only for their own sake but also for their parents.

Implementing the Vietnamization-of-the-war policy, Thieu-Ky-Khiem have striven to draft the remaining youths in urban centers in order to strengthen the puppet army and to drive puppet troops into battlefields to

replace some 500,000 defeated American troops who have begun their retreat. The military training order is a scheme aimed at accelerating the Vietnamization-of-the-war plan which uses Vietnamese to fight Vietnamese. As a result, the students' struggle against military training is really the struggle against the Americans' sinister scheme of Vietnamizing the war. The students have struggled in the interest of their compatriots and for the nation itself.

That is why the students' struggle movement has attracted students from all universities and religions. That is why the movement has enjoyed substantial support from various classes of urbanites including the parents of college and high school students, and from teachers and Saigon newspapers.

The students' resolute united struggle determination, close and lively organization and leadership, and support from the people constitute the solid and steady bases for the students' struggle movement which continues to frustrate the Americans' and their puppets' scheme to sow disunity among students. The support provided by the people of various strata for the students' struggle is a factor of special significance. It is not accidental that Saigon radio on the morning of 21 August brazenly warned the students' parents and Saigon newspapers that they are responsible for the students' prolonged struggle movement.

However, these tricky arguments of Radio Saigon have long been rejected by the students. It is the traitorous, dictatorial, rotten, bellicose, and stubborn Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique that has driven them into a position where they have to conduct a resolute, tenacious struggle until all their basic objectives are realized.

There is no reason for the students' parents, teachers, and compatriots to resign themselves to letting the U.S.-puppets freely resort to all brutal means ranging from clubs, tear gas, and toxic chemicals to tiger cages and barbarous jails to put down the just struggle of their children, the future generation. Moreover, the students' struggle against military training at school is a self-defense struggle against every perfidious plot and move to turn them into U.S. mercenaries, assassins, and the people's enemies. There is no reason for the students' parents, teachers, and the public in general to resign themselves to allowing the U.S.-puppets to waste the lives of their children, the young generation that has been educated and formed by them.

For several years, our urban compatriots have wholeheartedly supported the students' movement against conscription and military training at school and have protected them from being repressed and arrested by the tyrants.

In Saigon, Cholon, Hue, Da Nang, Can Tho, and other cities, in their struggles against the military draft, our students have been assisted and supported by our compatriots. Actions such as hiding oneself, or causing oneself to be sick or disabled, or the giving of bribes so that one may dodge conscription or military training--as a number of our youths and students have already done--cannot in practice save them from useless deaths for the sake of the U.S. -puppet clique's dirty interests. Only through their solidarity and fighting spirit and the support of the people of all walks of life and through their continuous struggle against the U.S. -puppet clique will the college and high-school students of the Southern cities be able to save themselves. Therefore the firm struggle movements of students against conscription and the school military training system are indispensable facts. As the students' struggle is a legitimate struggle, it needs to be supported by the compatriots of all walks of life. Many mothers have joined their children's struggle movement and seminars, or have encouraged the college and high-school students to closely unite to struggle for the cessation of the U.S. aggressive war and for the re-establishment of peace so that the youths may easily and quietly pursue their studies.

The statement of the Inter-Religions Committee of the South in support of the students' struggle and the participation of many intellectuals, workers, laborers and puppet war disabled in the struggle movement of 400 representatives of the Saigon, Can Tho, Van Hanh and Hue college students, held recently in Can Tho, clearly reflect the solidarity of the urbanite compatriots with the students' struggle. Many Saigon papers have also voiced their support for the students' struggle movement and have stressed the correctness of the students' struggle movement which is enjoying the compatriots' full support. This has filled the U.S. -puppet clique with great anger. The urbanite compatriots' support for the students' struggle movement clearly reflects their concern for the young generation, the people who will decide the future of the nation and country. In the eyes of the fascist puppet administration, the compatriots support for the students' struggle is by itself a form of struggle that is not less tense and violent. Therefore, by all means, the urbanite compatriots must not permit themselves to be intimidated by the U.S. puppets' threats. They are, on the contrary, supporting and encouraging the students to step up their struggle against the school military training system, thus contributing to frustrating the Vietnamization plan and quickly restoring peace.